

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 5 as follows.

Similarly, an anti-static material can be added to the plastic mix. The ribs 14 provide similar benefits to the availability of the anti-static material on the inner surface of the bag.

The ribs 14 serve yet another beneficial purpose. For some electronic components such as printed circuit boards greater ease of opening the bag and insertion is beneficial. The ribs 14 provide such benefits as it is easier to open the bag and a circuit board as it is inserted rides on the ribs 14. Also, after insertion in a conventional bag, areas of a circuit board can have the bag clinging to it sealing it off from access to VCI gas and creating risk of concentrated static discharge which can damage the electronics. The ribs 14 prevent such clinging and sealing off so that VCI gas can flow around and be in more complete contact with the stored item.

A further advantage is that the ribs give the bag greater tensile strength and elongation limit in the machine direction. The greater the cross sectional volume of the rib, the greater is this advantage.

Fig. 4 shows the process of forming bags from the layflat extruded product of the extrusion process in which the layflat product 22 is passed by a heat sealing device 24 to create the spaced apart seals 26 that will be the closed end of the bag and it then passes to the cutter 28 that cuts it just behind the seal to form the open end 30 of a bag 32.

Fig 5. shows an electronic device 34 being inserted into a bag 32

Although particular embodiments of the invention have been described and illustrated herein, it is recognized that modifications and variations may readily occur to those skilled in the art, and consequently it is intended that the claims be interpreted to cover such modifications and equivalents.